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Sir,

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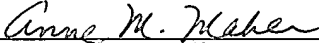
The listed document was cited in an Office Action from the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese application and may be relevant for at least the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Office Action, and an English language translation of it, are included for the Examiner's review. In addition, an English-language abstract of the cited Chinese patent document is enclosed which may provide an additional concise explanation of relevance.

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